

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 18 as follows:

FIG. 3 depicts an optical device 20 in which each spacer [[34 ]]44 bears against opposing lens faces. FIG. 15 depicts an alternative approach by which each lens spacer acts as an optical support means and carries a lens element at a predetermined position. For example, FIG. 15 depicts a lens element 140 with first and second lens faces 141 and 142. A spacer 143 carries the lens element 140 as a subassembly or lens module. In this particular application after the lens element is positioned axially in the spacer 143, crimping operations produce crimp sets 144 and 145 thereby to lock the lens element 140 within the spacer 143 with an intermediate spacer portion 146 between the crimps 144 and 145 engaging a peripheral surface 147 of the lens element 140 and produce a module 148. Construction of an optics subassembly such as subassembly 144, shown in FIG. 16 then involves using a tubular sheath, such as a tubular sheath 21, and, after positioning an end element, such as an objective, inserting modules, such as modules 148A and 148B, as shown in FIG. 15 having appropriate dimensions into the tube in sequence to produce a relay lens system. As will be apparent while the approach in FIG. 15 can be used for a relay lens system, it can also be used for the formation of an objective or the formation of an eyepiece.